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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **Cancelled**
2. **(Currently Amended)** ~~The peptide as claimed in claim 1, wherein the~~ An antimicrobially active peptide comprising a DCD protein fragment, wherein the fragment comprises a maximum of 50 amino acid residues from the C-terminal region of DCD.
3. **Cancelled**
4. **(Original)** The peptide as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises the amino acid residues 63-110 of DCD (SEQ ID No: 2).
5. **Cancelled**
6. **(Original)** The peptide as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises the amino acid residues 63-109 of DCD (SEQ ID No: 3).
- 7.-30. **Cancelled**
31. **(Original)** A method for protecting and/or treating human skin against microorganisms, comprising the step of administering the peptide as claimed in claim 2.
32. **Cancelled**
33. **(Original)** A method for protecting and/or treating human skin against microorganisms, comprising the step of administering the peptide as claimed in claim 4.
34. **Cancelled**
35. **(Original)** A method for protecting and/or treating human skin against microorganisms, comprising the step of administering the peptide as claimed in claim 6.
36. **Cancelled**
37. **(Currently amended)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 2 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.
38. **Cancelled**
39. **(Currently amended)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 4 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.
40. **Cancelled**
41. **(Currently amended)** A pharmaceutical composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 6 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.
42. **Cancelled**

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43. **(Currently amended)** A cosmetic composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 2 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.

44. **Cancelled**

45. **(Currently amended)** A cosmetic composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 4 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.

46. **Cancelled**

47. **(Currently amended)** A cosmetic composition which comprises as active ingredient a peptide as claimed in claim 6 in an antimicrobially effective amount of 1 to 50 µg.